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Amendment "A" Under 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of 24 September, 2002 Applicant requests entry and consideration of the following amendment and accompanying remarks. Upon entry of such amendment and remarks it is respectfully submitted that all claims stand in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections is thus requested at this time.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1, 2 and 4 as follows:

1. (Amended) A wiper cloth comprised of a hexagonal sheet material having an interior portion defining two opposing faces and six contiguous perimeter edges disposed in

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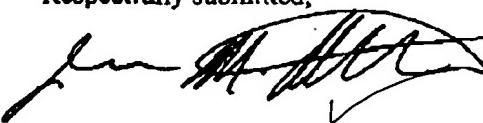
it is respectfully submitted that the prior art relied upon does not provide the requisite motivation to engage in the modification proposed by the Office Action. To the contrary, the teachings in Morin et al. clearly promote using a standard square configuration thereby evidencing a lack of appreciation for benefits associated with the present invention. The statement in Morin et al. that any other geometry can also be used is so imprecise as to provide no motivation other than to randomly try various constructions in this infinite grouping. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that using Morin et al. as a starting point without the benefit of the present application as a guide, the claimed invention can be reached only by first ignoring the express teaching in the reference that a square construction is preferred and then applying some type of impermissible "obvious to try" standard. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art relied upon does not establish the requisite *prima facie* case of obviousness.

**CONCLUSION:**

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims stand in condition for allowance. In the event that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney in the hope that such issue may be resolved in an expedient and satisfactory manner.

A petition for a one (1) month extension of time is provided herewith. To any extent that an additional extension is required, a petition for such an extension is hereby made and authorization is provided to deduct any fee necessary for the acceptance of this paper from Deposit Account 50-1424.

Respectfully submitted,



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